



Jobless rates down in 118 Kentucky counties in June 2015

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 23, 2015) – Unemployment rates fell in 118 Kentucky counties between June 2014 and June 2015, but rose in Hancock and Russell counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.7 percent. It was followed by Fayette, Owen and Shelby counties, 4.1 percent each; Boone, Oldham and Scott counties, 4.2 percent; Spencer County, 4.3 percent; and Anderson, Campbell and Jessamine counties, 4.4 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate – 13.1 percent. It was followed by Harlan County, 11.1 percent; Letcher County, 10.7 percent; Leslie County, 9.9 percent; Clay, Knott and Wolfe counties, 9.8 percent each; Carter and Russell Counties, 9.7 percent each; and Breathitt County, 9.3 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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